

Prayer

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped together in a prayer position. The hands are positioned in the lower center of the frame, with fingers interlaced. A strong, diagonal beam of light from the upper left corner illuminates the hands, creating a dramatic contrast with the deep shadows of the surrounding environment. The person is wearing a dark, textured garment, possibly a robe or a heavy sweater. The background is almost entirely black, with some faint, out-of-focus light patterns suggesting an interior space with architectural details.

17. Prayer Can Do the Impossible

Luke 1:37 "For with God nothing shall be impossible."

Meaning: Prayer gave King Hezekiah fifteen years longer to live; gave Joshua extra time when the sun stood still; gave Elijah fire from Heaven; gave Elisabeth and Zacharias a baby; gave Daniel an angel to shut the mouths of lions; and the list could go on and on. Prayer does the impossible, because prayer solicits God, Who can do the impossible. Our text verse is the angel's response to Mary's question of how she could birth a son seeing she knew not a man. God does the impossible!

Application: Only God can move a mountain, but only prayer moves God. The reason we don't ask God to do the impossible is because we lack faith. Faith looks to God and rests fully on the promises of His Word. God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20) if only we would pray and believe.

Other Verses for Study: Jeremiah 33:3; Matthew 19:26; 21:21,22; Mark 11:24

1. Why do we not ask God to do the impossible?

2. On what does faith rest? _____

3. What are you asking God to do, that without Him would be impossible? _____

"Nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God."